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# County of Los Angeles Sheriff Oversight Commission Working Group

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#### TOWN HALLS SET TO DISCUSS SHERIFF OVERSIGHT PANEL

LOS ANGELES, April 6, 2015: Community advocates have long sought a role in the oversight of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's policing and detention practices, particularly as they relate to the use of force. To that end, in December, the Board of Supervisors—with the support of newly-elected Sheriff Jim McDonnell—approved a motion to establish a Civilian Oversight Commission to help restore public trust and promote transparency.

As a first, important step in this process, the board formed a working group to provide recommendations on the proposed commission's mission, authority, size, structure and its relationship to the sheriff and the Office of Inspector General, as well as to offer appointment options for the board's consideration. The working group includes a sheriff designee, the inspector general and one appointee from each supervisorial district.

In the spirit of the undertaking, the working group is now reaching out to residents across Los Angeles County for their recommendations and comments through nine town hall meetings beginning on Thursday, April 9, in the Florence Firestone area. The Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the public to attend and be a part of the creation of the Civilian Oversight Commission. Here are the town hall locations and dates:

- April 9: Florence Firestone Service Center
   6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
   Community Room
   7807 S. Compton Ave.
   Los Angeles, 90001
- April 14: El Cariso Community Regional Center
   6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
   13100 Hubbard Street
   Sylmar, 91342
- April 15: Bassett Community Center 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

510 North Vineland Ave. La Puente, 91746

#### April 16: Antelope Valley College Fine Arts Building 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

3041 West Avenue K Lancaster, 93536

### April 20: Hacienda Heights Community Center 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

1234 Valencia Ave. Hacienda Heights, 91745

### April 21: Lennox Library Community Room (tentative) 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

4359 Lennox Blvd. Lennox, 90304

### April 22: Los Angeles County Arboretum 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

301 North Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, 91007

## April 28: East Los Angeles Public Library 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

4837 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Los Angeles, 90022

#### April 30: West Hollywood Library

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

625 North San Vicente Blvd. West Hollywood, 90046

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